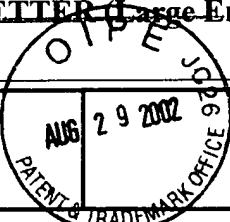


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)				Docket No. USUI-12N	
Applicant(s): Shoichiro Usui					
Serial No. 09/731,170	Filing Date December 6, 2000		Examiner Lugo, C.	Group Art Unit 3677	
Invention: HIGH-PRESSURE METAL PIPE HAVING CONNECTING HEAD AND METHOD OF FORMING THE CONNECTING HEAD AS WELL AS SLEEVE WASHER FOR THE CONNECTING HEAD					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
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